

Habilitation Transfer from the Department of Rehabilitation to the Department of Developmental Services Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Definitions

- **What is a regional center?**
 - A regional center is the first stop for persons with developmental disabilities and their families seeking local supports and services.
- **What is a developmental disability?**
 - A severe or physical impairment beginning before the 18th birthday and expected to continue indefinitely. Examples include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism.
- **What is Accreditation/Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission?**
 - The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission as used in Chapter 13, commencing with Section 4850, Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code relating to developmental services.
- **What is a Job Coach?**
 - The person providing employment-related services specified in the IPP directly to or on behalf of consumers, for both group and individual placement. Consumers in group placement receive this service at the worksite during work hours of approved lunch supervision, only.
- **What is a Sheltered Workshop?**
 - Sheltered Workshop is an older term for Work Activity Programs.
- **What is a Work Activity Program/Supported Employment Program?**
 - Work Activity Program includes, but is not limited to, sheltered workshops or Work Activity centers that provide support to consumers engaged in paid work and are certified by the Department of Rehabilitation prior to be accredited by Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission.
 - Supported Employment Program means a program that meets the requirements as defined by the terms supported employment, integrated work, supported employment placement, allowable supported employment services, group services, and individual services.
- **What is Vocational Rehabilitation?**
 - Intensive training paid through Vocational Rehabilitation funding to ready a consumer for Supported Employment Program.

- **What is Order of Selection?**
 - For vocational rehabilitation services Order of Selection means the priority established by the Department of Rehabilitation for selecting eligible individuals to receive vocational rehabilitation services in the event these services cannot be provided to all eligible applicants. The order of selection requires individuals with the most significant disabilities to be given priority for vocational rehabilitation services over eligible individuals with less significant disabilities, who shall have access to services provided through the information and referral system.
- **What is Stabilization?**
 - The consumer has reached the employment goal as specified in the Individual Plan for Employment and IPP and the following have been achieved:
 - ◆ (A) The consumer has learned and maintained the job for a minimum of sixty (60) days;
 - ◆ (B) The consumer's job is expected to be stable and to continue.